



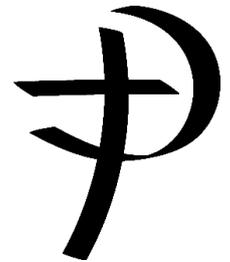
HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEK COMMENCING 15th JANUARY 2017
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Peace Sunday

Masses today: 9am Joan & Norman Parkin RIP & 10.30am Parish & People
(Eucharistic Prayer: I)

Masses during the week:-

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	10am St Anthony (Abbot) The Rosary will be said at 9.40. Refreshments after Mass
Wednesday	10am (Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins)
Thursday	10am The Young Family
Friday	10am 9.40am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday	10am St Agnes

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after all Masses or by appointment

Anniversaries – RIP: Marie Lynch, Rose McGarrity, Victor Reed

Welcome to any visitors to the Parish

Today:

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Irene Cussen, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Mary Silcox, Ray & Oliver Cooper, Maureen Wildash & Willoughby Dampier.

Diocese of Plymouth Yearbook 2017 – These are now available for collection by those who ordered a copy. They are at the back of the church. Ring-bound £3.75. Perfect (non ring-bound) £3.25. Copies can be ordered for anyone who would like one & who hasn't placed an order.

Children's Liturgy There will be Children's Liturgy in the Upper Rooms during the 10.30am Mass today. (N.B. Any children under 4 must be accompanied by an appropriate adult who is responsible for them).

To Visitors/Holiday Makers: If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some blue 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church. Please ensure that you complete all the details in pen and sign the form.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome. Please will any parishioners who can take a turn to serve refreshments please sign down on the board in the hall.

The First Holy Communion preparation programme will be starting at the beginning of February. The parents of any child who is in school Year 3 or above and who wishes to start the preparation should contact either Father Louis or Mary Pike by Sunday, January 29th.

Dates:

Echoes – Echoing Christ

Are you communicating the truth and the joy of Jesus Christ? An invitation to join in the 'Echoes' Programme Parish-based training for handing on the faith. Open to all who want to speak to others about their faith but don't know where to start. For parents and grandparents who want to communicate their faith to their children but don't know how.

Venue: St Peter's Catholic Church, Crownhill.

'Echoes' Handing on the faith Programme – Saturday 21st January 2017 (Second Session). This and 9 further Saturday morning sessions, same times and place, cost £15 for the whole course! To book: please contact St Peter's Parish Office: 01752 701660. For more details, pick up a flyer at the back of the church.

As course places are limited, you are urged to book promptly.

Ecumenical Worship Service – 3pm Sunday 22nd January at St Paul's Church, Yelverton. I do hope to see a good representation of Holy Cross parishioners at this service during the annual Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. Fr Louis

Next Evangelisation Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 7.15pm

The Anne Frank Trust has a project of planting trees to commemorate Anne Frank and all children killed in conflicts. SW Lakes Trust has agreed that a tree can be planted at **the Arboretum at Burrator Reservoir at 11am on Sat 4th Feb** by two of the youngsters who visited Auschwitz-Birkenau from Holy Cross. Father Louis is attending and has agreed to bless the tree.

Extraordinary Form Mass

Please note that Bishop Mark has arranged the provision of a Sunday Mass in the Extraordinary Form which will be celebrated **weekly** from Sunday, 29th January at St Edward's Church, Home Park Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth PL3 4PG at 11.30am. The Mass will normally be celebrated by *Fr Anthony Pillari*, the chaplain at Lanherne Convent, who has also kindly agreed to offer pastoral accompaniment to families attending this Mass.

GATHER 2017 Gracious Gift We are delighted that catechists, teachers, clergy and friends from across the Diocese of Plymouth will be meeting together again next year 3rd-5th March 2017 at the Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay TQ2 6RQ. The weekend will include; keynote speakers, plenary talks throughout, shared liturgies, quiet space for prayer, a choice of inspiring workshops on Saturday afternoon as well as Saturday evening entertainment. On Sunday we will welcome Bishop Mark O'Toole who will celebrate Mass with us. Further details can be seen on the noticeboard + costs.

Notices:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Bishop Mark has recently emphasised the importance of extraordinary ministers receiving proper formation in this special ministry. To this end, it would be timely to hold 're-fresher' presentations on this ministry and to review current practice.

The presentations are provided in two distinct parts and will be held on **7th & 14th March at 7.30pm** at Holy Cross. They will be led by the Dean of Plymouth, *Fr Tim Lewis*. All Extraordinary Ministers are expected to attend and those who have recently been invited to be Extraordinary Ministers. There will be hand-outs. Confirmation of attendance would be helpful.

Holy Cross Nativity Crib – There is a Catholic tradition to have the crib on display until *The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* (Candlemas) on 2nd February which is the practice in many Catholic churches. It is considered to be a "Christmas feast" taking place 40 days after the birth of Jesus and so points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. I propose to keep it in place until then (unless the Christmas trees begin to dramatically shed their 'needles' and look unsightly). *Fr Louis*

Keyboard player – Is there anyone who has been gifted with keyboard skills? Would you be willing to offer your talent to play occasionally at the 10.30 Mass? If so, please do approach me about it and we will explore further.

Fr Louis

The Pope's Intentions for January are for Christian Unity:

'That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.'

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(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please)

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green

Unwanted or surplus Christmas Gifts?

These could be turned to advantage if you are prepared to donate them to Holy Cross where they can be sold to raise funds for Mary's Meals a charity supported by the Martha Group. See www.marysmeals.org.uk

If you would like to help place any unwanted items on the table in the hall over the next few Sundays.

Around & About annual subscriptions of £6 are now due. This local inter-church magazine is available for those who wish to take it. See Sue Walsh.

The parish has received the following note from the Tavistock Foodbank:

"Thank you for your generous donation to the Tavistock Foodbank. Because of your support, Tavistock Foodbank is addressing the hunger crisis in our community. We are on the front lines of a local response to poverty and hunger and last year we distributed nearly 7 tonnes of food to over 600 people in need. More than 200 of those were children. Your donation will help to provide essential support to those who need it most. Your gift makes a real difference. Thank you for helping families to share a wholesome meal. www.tavistock.foodbank.org.uk "

Mass Intentions: If you wish to request a Mass Intention you will find on the table, at the back of the Church, Mass intention slips and envelopes. When you have given brief details, please place the slip, and your offering, in the envelope and hand it to me, leave it in the sacristy or put it through the Presbytery letter box. Mass intention cards are also available in the Sacristy if needed. *Fr Louis*

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. The website was launched at the beginning of this month, the traditional month for remembering and praying for the dead: www.artofdyingwell.org

The Bonus Ball winner on 7th January was Beki Baker with ball number 38. She won £25. There were 40 subscribers that night so £15 went to Parish funds.

Cheques to the parish - If you are writing cheques to the parish, it would be helpful if you could please specify the payee as: **Holy Cross RC Church**. Thank you.

The Collection last Sunday:

Loose plate £193.01

Gift aided £473.00

Thank you

